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SUBJECT: DISBURSEMENT OF TREASURY CHECKS TO CITIZENS AND
RESIDENTS OF THE PRC

REF: RECOMMENDATION 5.1-13 INSPECTORS MEMORANDUM NO. 5.1
FOR HONG KONG

1. THERE HAS BEEN SOME CONFUSION CONCERNING THE DISBURSEMENT
OF FEDERAL BENEFITS CHECKS FOR RECIPIENTS RESIDING IN THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PRC). THE CONFUSION PROBABLY
IS DUE PRIMARILY TO THE SEPERATE AND DIFFERING GUIDELINES
FOLLOWED BY THE VARIOUS BENEFIT PAYING AGENCIES. WE FEEL
THAT THE FOLLOWING REVIEW OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS REGARDING
SUCH PAYMENTS WOULD BE USEFUL. TREASURY IS WORKING
DIRECTLY WITH THE PAYING AGENCIES TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH
THE REGULATIONS.

2. THE FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL REGULATIONS (FACR) WHICH BE-
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CAME EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 17, 1950, BLOCKED ALL ASSETS AS OF
THAT DATE FOR ALL PRC CITIZENS AND PERSONS RESIDING IN THE
PRC. THIS PRECLUDES ALL PAYMENTS, INCLUDING BENEFIT PAY-
MENTS CHECK, TO PRC BENEFICIARIES EVEN IF THEY TEMPORARILY
LEAVE THE PRC TO RECEIVE BENEFIT CHECKS. UNDER CERTAIN
CIRCUMSTANCES (USUALLY IF THE BENEFICIARY HAS ESTABLISHED
A PERMANENT RESIDENCE OUTSIDE THE PRC) TREASURY HAS

DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY TO ISSUE AN INDIVIDUAL LICENSE PERMITTING PAYMENT OF THE FROZEN ASSETS. NO INDIVIDUAL LICENSES HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO DATE.

3. ON MAY 7, 1971, SUPPLEMENTARY TREASURY REGULATIONS TOOK EFFECT EXEMPTING ALL CURRENT TRANSACTIONS FROM THE FACR, I.E. CONTROLS ARE NOT APPLIED TO FEDERAL BENEFIT PAYMENT CASES IN WHICH THE ORIGINAL DETERMINATION OR FINDING OCCURRED AFTER MAY 7, 1971. PAYMENTS ACCRUING AFTER MAY 7, 1971 FOR CASES THAT ORIGINATED PRIOR TO THAT DATE ARE STILL NOT REPEAT NOT PERMITTED. A SEPARATE, BUT RELATED, TREASURY REGULATION (CIRCULAR NO. 655) PREVENTS PAYMENT TO PERSONS RESIDING IN COUNTRIES WHERE IT IS DETERMINED THAT THERE IS NOT A REASONABLE ASSURANCE THAT A PAYEE WILL ACTUALLY RECEIVE THE CHECK AND BE ABLE TO NEGOTIATE IT FOR FULL VALUE. TREASURY HAS DETERMINED THAT THE PRC IS SUCH A COUNTRY. THEREFORE, NO US TREASURY CHECKS CAN BE MAILED DIRECTLY TO RECIPIENTS LIVING IN THE PRC, EVEN IF THE CHECK IS FOR A CURRENT TRANSACTION AS DESCRIBED IN THE 1ST SENTENCE OF THIS PARAGRAPH. CHECK SHOULD NOT BE DELIVERED TO BENEFICIARIES WHO EXIT THE PRC TEMPORARILY TO PICK UP CHECKS IN HONG KONG OR MACAU.

4. IN VIEW OF THE COMPLICATED NATURE OF CASES INVOLVING FEDERAL BENEFIT PAYMENTS TO PRC RESIDENTS AND CITIZENS AND THE SMALL NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS INVOLVED, HONG KONG SHOULD SUBMIT TO SCA/SCS, COPY TO EA/PRCM, ALL CASES INVOLVING FEDERAL BENEFICIARIES WHO ARE OR WHO MAY BE RESIDENTS OF THE PRC. THE DEPARTMENT WILL REVIEW THESE CASES WITH THE UNCLASSIFIED

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OTHER CONCERNED FEDERAL ORGANIZATIONS. IN THIS VEIN, WE UNDERSTAND THAT IN ADDITION TO THE CASE OF LI SCHADA (WIDOW OF ANTHONY F. SCHADA) THERE MAY ALSO BE A SMALL NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS CLAIMING RESIDENCE IN MACAU WHO MAY ACTUALLY RESIDE IN THE PRC AND THEREFORE ARE RECEIVING PAYMENTS IN ERROR. VANCE

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